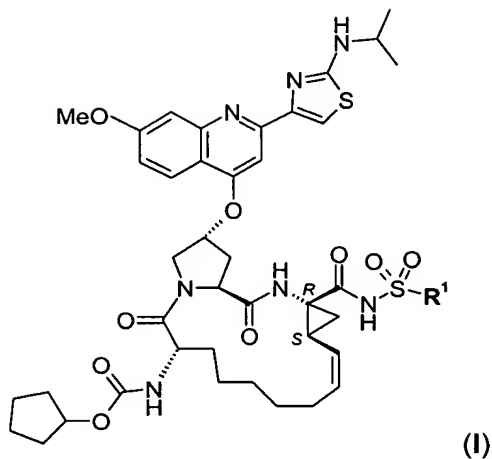


ABSTRACT

Compounds of formula (I):



wherein **R¹** is (C₁₋₈)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, {(C₁₋₆)alkyl-(C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl} or Het, which are all optionally substituted from 1 to 3 times with halo, cyano, nitro, O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, amido, amino or phenyl, or **R¹** is C₆ or C₁₀ aryl which is optionally substituted from 1 to 3 times with halo, cyano, nitro, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, amido, amino or phenyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, useful as an inhibitor of the HCV NS3 protease.